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Farmers, Stockmen and Mèrchants Oppose Packer Legislation at Washington.

Representing a diversity of interests and including farmers, feeders, retail butchers and produce dealers, fully a thousand individuals have made their way to Washington to enter their protests against the packer licensing plan now in hearing before the senate agriculture committee.

Far from solving in any measure the high cost of living, the proposed legislation if passed would be a dangerous experiment for everyone, is the consensus of opinion held by these wit-

"We've had government control of railroads and telephones and telegraphs until we're plumb worn out, and we don't want any more," W. P. Carpenter, stock feeder of Tarkio, Mo., told the committee. "I'm in favor of the man who can produce the cheapest going ahead as far as he can. That's the way to cut down the cost of liv-

That the packers dominated the stock markets was an idea scouted by testifying stock feeders, who said they found the stock yards places of keen competition.

Taking away the packers' refrigerator cars was as reasonable as taking away their butcher knives, was the conviction expressed by J. P. Lynch, another feeder from Tarkio.

The concern of stockmen and butchers who fear that hampering the packers will only result in disrupting the meat industry without benefit to anyone, was not the sole interest displayed at the hearing. Business men throughout the country are strongly against the licensing feature which would establish a precedent for bringing government control and politics into the conduct of all manner of business.

Many business organizations have expressed themselves formally, through resolutions, as against the principle of bringing business under government interference of the kind proposed in the Kenyon and Kendrick bills.

In speaking for the chamber of commerce of Moultrie, Ga., C. T. Caldwel': said: "We've got Swift & Co. down there, and they've helped more than diversify. The live stock business needs their national distribution."

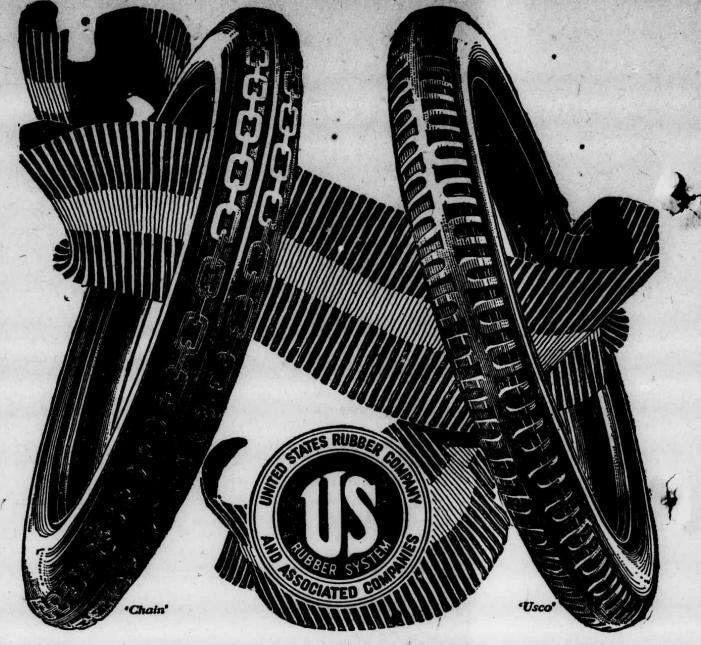
THE PACKERS AND REFRIGERATOR CARS

Whether refrigerator cars should be owned by the railroads or by the packers-a point to be determined by legislation now pending in Washingtonmay seem to be a question rather remote from the interests of the average person. But, inasmuch as these "ice boxes on wheels," as one of the packers terms them, are the conveyances which bring our beefsteak to town, we may assume that we have a certain concern about them. If they have anything to do with the price of the beefsteak our concern is a deep one.

It is maintained by some that these cars give the packers who now own them an unfair advantage over competitors. This is stoutly denied by the packers, who offer as proof the fact that they pay the same freight rates as any shipper; and they assert .that the only advantage they enjoy is in being able to get enough cars for their needs by furnishing them themselves instead of depending upon the railroads to do so. In this they are backed up by a report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, made after an investigation of all privately owned cars, to the effect that there were no unfair practices and that a radical change would adversely affect both shippers and the public.

While not opposing, in principle, railroad ownership of refrigerator cars, the packers maintain that there are not enough of these cars to go around and that the legislation in question makes no provision for insuring that the railroads shall furnish them in sufficient number. On the other hand, to pool their cars and take chances of getting what happened to be available, would seriously handicap the distribution of their perishable meat products. The stream of shipments from the packing plants would be blocked, which in turn would block the buying of live stock, and the industry, which is founded on a basis of rapid distribution, would be badly muddled.

In these contentions pro and con, there are three parties whose interests are at stake—the packers, their competitors and the public. Only one of these parties could gain a possible advantage if the packers', cars were taken away from them, viz, the packers' competitors. The cars are now admittedly handled on an economic and efficient basis, and no change is justified unless unfairness is definitely and absolutely proved-which would be in absolute contradiction to the report that the Interstate Commerce Commission has already rendered on the subject. The public would pay the bill for inefficiency in the packing industry, and it has no desire to pay this bill in order to help a few of the packers' competitors.



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